GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION
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Slum Population
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Will the Minister of HOUSING AND URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION be pleased to state:

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(a) whether the slum population is on the rise over the years;

(b) if so, the details thereof and the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the Government proposes to formulate a national policy to deal with the increasing number of slums in the urban ares; and

(d) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOUSING & URBAN POVERTY ALLEVIATION

(RAO INDERJIT SINGH)
(a) & (b) : As per Census figures, the slum population in the country has increased from 5.23 crore in 2001 to 6.55 crore in 2011. State-wise details of slum population in Census 2001 and Census 2011 is at Annexure.

Reasons for creation and proliferation of slums, inter-alia, include increased urbanization, natural increase in the population of urban poor, migration and constraints on supply of land for mass affordable housing.

(c) & (d) : Slum is a State subject and, therefore, it is the responsibility of State/ UT Governments to address the issue of increasing number of slums in urban areas through appropriate policy.
Government of India, however, has launched the PMAY(U) mission on 25th June, 2015 with the aim to provide assistance to States / UTs for addressing the housing requirement of the urban poor including slum dwellers. 'In-situ' Slum Redevelopment is an important component under PMAY (Urban) mission under which State / UT Government using land as a resource may take up Slum redevelopment projects for providing houses to eligible slum dwellers. Slum rehabilitation grant of Rs. 1.0 lakh per house, on an average, is admissible for all houses built in all such projects.

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